



**Minutes for the Meeting of the
International Relations Task Force
and
Federal Relations (Federalism) Working Group**
Annual Meeting/Salt Lake City, UT
Thursday 26, 2012
2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Public Co-Chair: Representative Harold Brubaker (NC)
Private Co-Chair: Ms. Brandie Davis (Philip Morris International)
Task Force Director: Karla Jones

Task Force Members and Guests in Attendance

Public Sector Members

Representative Tyler August (WI)
Representative Liston Barfield (SC)
Senator Eli Bebout (WY)
Senator Curt Bramble (UT)
Representative Harold Brubaker (NC)
Honorable Robert Burns (AZ)
Senator Cale Case (WY)
Representative Josh Clark (GA)
Representative Alan Clemmons (SC)
Senator AJ Griffin (OK)
Representative Yvette Herrell (NM)
Representative Ken Ivory (UT)
Representative Shelley Keeney (MO)
Representative Renee Kosel (IL)
Representative Mike Kuglitsch (WI)
Representative Debra Lesko (AZ)
Senator Mark Madsen (UT)
Senator Ray Merrick (KS)
Representative Tim Moffitt (NC)
Senator William Payne (NM)
Senator Pamela Roach (WA)
Representative Gene Ward (HI)
Representative C. Gene Whisnant (OR)

Private Sector Members

Ms. Brandie Davis (Philip Morris International)
Mr. Nick Dranias (Goldwater Institute)
Mr. Andrew Kovalcin (Global Intellectual Property Center)
Dr. Merrill Matthews (Institute for Policy Innovation)
Mr. David Powers (Reynolds American)

Public and Private Sector Guests

Senator Sylvia Allen (AZ)
Mr. Daniel Greenfield (Former Arkansas State Legislator)
Mr. Richard L. Krzyzanowski (Crown)
Ms. Amber Pearce (Pfizer)
Mr. Joseph Sabag (ZOA)

Speakers/Advisors

Mr. Ross Garelick Bell (American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics)
Ms. Christine Brim (Center for Security Policy)
Mr. Rich Danker (American Principles Project)
Mr. Ed Eleasian (Royal Miracle Corporation)
Mr. Avi Leshes (Royal Miracle Corporation)
Mr. Marc Levin (Texas Public Policy Foundation)
Mr. Rick Manning (Americans for Limited Government)
Prof. Robert Natelson (ret.) (Independence Institute)
Mr. Michael Whatley (Consumer Energy Alliance)

ALEC Staff

Ms. Karla Jones
Ms. Stacey Manning

Welcome and Introduction

Representative Harold Brubaker (NC) welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

Discussion of Minutes from SNPS Meeting

Approved without further discussion

Federal Relations Working Group (Federalism)

Update from Subcommittee Chair Rep. Ken Ivory. Discussion of good attendance at subcommittee meeting held July 25, 2012.

(A) Presentation by Rick Manning, Americans for Limited Government

"If I Wanted America To Fail: The Rights, Powers and Duties of States to Restore Balanced Federalism"

Available at <http://www.freemarketamerica.org/>

(B) Presentation by Rob Natelson

"A Constitutional Convention under Article V"

Draft Sound Money Act

Rep. Ken Ivory (UT) and Rich Danker, American Principles Project

Rep. Ivory motioned to substitute the previous draft of the resolution with an updated draft. Rep. August (WI) seconded the motion. There was no opposition on the substitution from the private or public sectors. The updated draft was then successfully substituted.

Concerns about involving an asset with a value that changes and that cannot be taxed were raised. **Rep. Ken Ivory (UT)** responded that the question brings us to a broader discussion of “what is money?” The fact is these commodities were intended to be used as monetary exchange.

Question: Is the Chamber of Commerce, etc. on board with a proposal of this sort?

Answer: Rep. Ken Ivory (UT): We haven’t taken that step yet. That would be further along in the process.

Rich Danker: The end result would be that this measure restricts taxes only on coins used as monetary exchanges, not as assets themselves.

VOTE

Public Sector: All in favor except one opposed.

Private Sector: No opposition

Draft Resolution on Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA)

Mr. Mark Levin, Texas Public Policy Foundation

Discussion

Mark Levin on the remaining issues surrounding the Adam Walsh Act. This is a general resolution calling for flexibility in the states application of certain federal registration requirements. In particular is lifetime registration for certain offenses, this is not always appropriate.

VOTE

Motion to be heard: Sen. Eli Bebout (WY)

Second: Sen. Cale Case (WY)

On the Resolution:

Private Sector: No opposition

Public Sector: No opposition

Draft Resolution for an Article V Task Force Compact

Mr. Nick Dranias, the Goldwater Institute

Discussion

This is an effort to have states bypass the Electoral College, the compact power exists and the left uses those powers. They are ahead of us in this aspect.

VOTE

Rep. Ken Ivory (UT) proposes that this vote be moved to the committee’s meeting in December due to time constraints in this meeting. He proposes we develop a working group to meet and discuss this before December.

To MOVE the vote to December 2012:

Private Sector: No opposition

Public Sector: No opposition

Draft Resolution on an Application Under Article V of the Constitution for a Convention to Propose a Balanced Budget Amendment and Further Fiscal Restraints

Rep. Yvette Herrell (NM)

Discussion

This draft comes directly from ALEC's Article V handbook. It was drafted to ensure an appropriate match, but there is an ambiguity in line 9 and 10.

Motion to Amend the Resolution by Rep. Yvette Herrell (NM)

Question: (before vote on the amendment) ***Rep. Gene Ward (HI):*** Is this in reference to a budget ceiling?

Answer: Rob Natelson: A balanced budget amendment is always debated as a straight balanced budget. The problem is this is less popular and there are disagreements over the applications.

Question: Rep. Gene Ward (HI): The way this resolution is written, it appears to give some wiggle room as to the content, is that right?

Answer: Rob Natelson: It's written this way for a reason. A previous ALEC resolution was written with more constraints and it was not approved.

There was discussion that the resolution would have to be resent to the tax and fiscal policy task force if it was amended in the IR meeting.

Rep. Yvette Herrell (NM) moves to WITHDRAW her previous amendment. The amendment is withdrawn.

VOTE

Motion for ADOPTION of the Resolution

Public Sector: No opposition

Private Sector: No opposition

International Relations Task Force

Update on the National Security Subcommittee. Discussion of low attendance at the meeting held on July 26, 2012 Subcommittee Chairman Sen. Bill Payne (NM).

(C) Presentation by Ross Garelick Bell, American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA)

Discussion on AIAA's effort to rejuvenate space exploration. Rockets help national defense, from UAV flight vehicles, etc. These are all connected; satellites serve as ports for data exchange, down to creating more direct flights between cities.

Draft Resolution on Effects of Sequestration on US National Security and the US Economy

Sen. William Payne (NM)

The resolution was amended in subcommittee and the amended resolution is in the folders. Sequestration does not allow for targeted cuts but rather calls for defense cuts across the board which could have a devastating impact on national security and hurt the nation's economy just as it's gaining strength.

VOTE

Motion for ADOPTION of the Resolution

Public Sector: No opposition

Private Sector: No opposition

Draft Resolution on Updates to ALEC'S Export Controls Resolution

Rep. Gene Whisnant (OR)

Discussion

President Obama has taken the lead on reforming the export controls regulatory process, so much has improved since we first introduced passed this resolution in June 2010. The amended resolution includes updates to make it more current.

Rep. Gene Whisnant (OR) proposes two amendments

1. Delete lines 19-21
2. Delete lines 47-49

Question:

Rep. Gene Ward (HI): What items are on these lists? I want to make sure we aren't authorizing something to be released that we wouldn't want to.

Answer:

Ross Garelick Bell: It is up to the Department of State to determine which items specifically.

VOTE

On the amendments proposed by Rep. Whisnant

Public Sector: No opposition

Private Sector: No opposition

Both amendments pass.

VOTE

On the Resolution

Public Sector: No opposition

Private Sector: No opposition

(D) Presentation by Ms. Christine Brim, Center for Security Policy(CSP)

"Defense Sequestration is a State Issue"

In 2013, the Budget Control Act allows for \$487 billion in cuts. 0-50 accounts are up; defense sequestration affects the economy and employment in every single state. CSP has details on sequestration's potential effects for each state.

(E) Presentation by Mr. Avi Leshes and Mr. Ed Eleasian, Royal Miracle Corporation

"US Aid-Africa and the American Taxpayer Deserve Better"

Aid has not trickled down to citizens in Africa. Under this program, about 15-20% of aid would be given to private companies instead, in an effort to create jobs and improve infrastructure development. This will attract local and foreign investment.

Draft Resolution for a Public-Private Partnership Initiative for US Aid to Africa

Rep. Tim Moffitt (NC)

Discussion

Rep. Tim Moffitt (NC) states that in his capacity as a management consultant, he has experience watching dollars being used worldwide, and not at their full potential. This would be a wise use of our tax dollars.

Question: Rep. Gene Ward (HI): This proposal seems too idealistic and too naive. Foreign Aid is only .5-1% of our budget. Most of the money is handled by NGOs and is restricted by PL 480. I used to work for USAID, full disclosure. People will laugh at this resolution the way it is written. There are too many other issues going

on in Africa that can't be resolved by a private company, such as boundaries that were drawn incorrectly by the UK.

Rep: Bill Payne (NM): This is too new. We need to work on this. There is too much detail to discuss here.

Answer: Mr. Avi Leshes: We are giving Africa money, but nothing changes there. Chad still uses child labor, so do many other countries.

Question: Rep. Gene Ward (HI): Over half of the African population HAS escaped poverty, things ARE better. The corruption issue here is still too glossy.

Question: Sen. Cale Case (WY): I think we have the beginning of a resolution here; I'd call it a nugget. There have been good things that have happened, and we can move forward with a discussion at least in the future.

Rep. Moffitt moved to table the discussion and vote on this resolution until SNPS or a later meeting with no opposition.

Draft Resolution Opposing the United Nations Drive for Global Taxes

Dr. Merrill Matthews, Institute for Policy Innovation

Question: Rep. Gene Ward (HI): On line 12, are we trying to say "high level" federal officials, I mean, who is it that is doing this?

Sen. Cale Case (WY): I think we might be acting too reactionary here. Congress would never oppose this, but it makes us look so responsive.

Answer: Rep. Harold Brubaker (NC): That is precisely why we need to vote on this. The UN's reach is terrible here and we have to react and send a clear message from the get-go.

Answer: Rep. Ken Ivory found and shared articles substantiating the claims made in the resolution.

VOTE

Public Sector: No opposition

Private Sector: No opposition

Draft Resolution Providing Recommendations on UN Internet Oversight

Dr. Merrill Matthews, Institute for Policy Innovation

Question: Rep. Gene Ward (HI): Can I propose a plug for ALEC somewhere, as a gratuitous gesture? Perhaps in the second whereas clause, "Alec advocates universal access, etc", and in addition recommend sending it to Google, Yahoo?

Answer: Merrill Matthews: We do have a plug for ALEC in the resolution.

Rep. Barfield moves to call the question: ALL in favor

VOTE

Public Sector: All in favor except one vote in opposition

Private Sector: No opposition

Draft Resolution in Support of Intellectual Property Rights and Protections

Rep. Tim Moffitt (NC)

Discussion: Rep. Gene Whisnant (OR) proposes that we include "apparel" in items to be protected

VOTE

On the amendment

No opposition

VOTE

On the Resolution, as amended

Private Sector: No opposition

Public Sector: No opposition